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Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Jan. 1, New Year's Day; Good Friday; Easter Monday; May 1, May Day; Whit Monday; June 13, Corpus Christi; June 19, Labor Day; Aug. 5, Discovery Day; Aug. 31, Independence Day; Sept. 24, Republic Day; Divale Day, late October/early November; Dec. 21-22, Eid-ul-Fitr; Dec. 25, Christmas Day; Dec. 26, Boxing Day; and two Carnival Days.

Industries

The main industries include petroleum, chemicals, tourism, food processing, cement, beverages, and cotton textiles.

Languages

English is the official language. Other languages spoken include Hindi, French, and Spanish.

Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory for Grier Channel leading to the deep water wharves at Port of Spain, and for berthing at Chaguaramas Bay, Cronstadt, Tembladora Terminal, Lisas Point Port, Point Lisas Industrial Port, Pointe-A-Pierre, Brighton and La Brea; Point Fortin and the SBM at Galeota Terminal. If a pilot is required elsewhere, agents, if informed 48 hours in advance, can arrange for a pilot to board off the entrances to Gulf of Paria (10°20'N., 62°00'W.), or off Five Islands for Port of Spain roadstead.

Time Zone

The Time Zone description is QUEBEC (+4).

General

Trinidad and Tobago, are two islands located in the Caribbean Sea NE of Venezuela.

The climate is tropical and humid with the rainy season being from June to December.

The terrain is mostly plains with some hills and low mountains.

Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region B) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

Currency

The official unit of currency is the Trinidad and Tobago dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

Government

Trinidad and Tobago is a parliamentary democracy. The capital is at Port-of-Spain on the island of Trinidad.

U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at 15 Queen's Park West, Port-of-Spain. The mailing address is P.O. Box 752, Port-of-Spain.